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OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF AZERBAIJAN TO THE UNITED NATIONS
ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit herewith the text of a Statement by the Ministry of Defence of the Azerbaijani Republic, regarding the latest acts of aggression by the Republic of Armenia against Azerbaijan, as received by fax.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Yashar T. ALIYEV
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ANNEX

[Original: Russian]

Statement by the Minister of Defence of the Azerbaijani Republic

The acts of aggression committed by the Republic of Armenia against Azerbaijan continue. On 10 December last, the armed forces of the Republic of Armenia stepped up their attacks on Azerbaijan, with intensive shelling of the villages of Kheyrimbi and Mazamly situated in the Kazakh district of Azerbaijan, close to the Armenian frontier and very far from Nagorny Karabakh belonging to the Azerbaijani Republic. During the shelling innocent civilians in the Azerbaijani villages were killed or wounded.

On 11 December last, the armed forces of the Republic of Armenia shelled villages in the Ter Ter district of Azerbaijan, again causing a number of civilian casualties.

The Republic of Armenia has perpetrated a large-scale act of aggression against Azerbaijan in the Azerbaijani district of Beylagan. On 10 and 11 December last, the armed forces of the Republic of Armenia attacked several Azerbaijani villages: Djankulu, Beytapa, Karagyultapa, and so forth. They crossed the cease-fire line and carried out a raid 2.5 kilometres into Azerbaijani territory, in an attempt to capture the town of Beylagan by storm. This offensive resulted in hundreds of dead and wounded among the innocent civilians and also caused considerable damage. The Armenian occupants defiled the bodies of some Azerbaijani victims.

Measures were taken to drive the aggressor off, with a counterattack led by Azerbaijani combatants and militia recruited from among the local population.

These highly provocative acts committed by the armed forces of the Republic of Armenia, have led to a further worsening of tensions and demonstrate that the Republic of Armenia, while proclaiming its attachment to the principle of a peaceful settlement of the conflict is, in fact, still trying to occupy new territory in Azerbaijan.

Baku, 12 December 1993